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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Compton - 36 People Arrested in Alleged Sex-Trafficking Ring

(U) A prostitution ring shut down in Compton included several child and adult victims of human trafficking, authorities said. A raid by law enforcement officers last week resulted in 36 arrests, according to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Three children were released to the care of the Department of Children and Family Services, officials said. Investigators also identified five women as victims of human trafficking; these individuals accepted what authorities described as "ongoing services."

SOURCE: 24 September 2017, KTLA

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Arizona – Travelers Warned About Meth-Laced Soda in Mexico

(U) Phoenix – Health professionals in Arizona are warning those traveling to Mexico to be aware of possible contaminated 7Up beverages in the Mexicali area. The contaminated soft drinks caused seven people to become ill and have killed one person, according to the Attorney General of Justice of the State of Baja California. Baja California's Health Department officials said health authorities have removed the products from shelves.

SOURCE: 22 September 2017, USA Today

(U) District of Columbia - Federal Government Notifies 21 States of Election Hacking

(U) Washington DC – The federal government last week told election officials in 21 states that hackers targeted their systems before last year's presidential election. The notification came roughly a year after US Department of Homeland Security officials first said states were targeted by hacking efforts possibly connected to Russia. The government did not say who was behind the hacking attempts or provide details about what had been sought but election officials in several states said the attempts were linked to Russia.

SOURCE: 23 September 2017, Associated Press

(U) Tennessee - Man Opens Fire at Church Killing One and Injuring Six

(U) Antioch – A Tennessee man was held without bond Sunday night on a first-degree murder charge after he allegedly opened fire while wearing a mask at a church outside Nashville, killing one person and injuring six others, authorities said. Emanuel Kidega Samson, 25, identified as the suspect by police, told authorities he arrived at the church armed with a handgun and "fired upon the church building," according to a State of Tennessee affidavit. Nashville police said that after fatally shooting a person outside, the gunman entered the main sanctuary door, at the rear of the church, and "began indiscriminately shooting." The suspect was subdued by a church usher.

SOURCE: 25 September 2017, NBC News

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(U) Colombia - Police Seize Seven Tons of Cocaine

(U) Bogota – Colombian police seized seven tons of cocaine at a banana farm in northern Antioquia province, the defense minister and police said last week. The shipment, worth about \$200 million, belonged to the Golfo Clan crime gang. Five people were arrested in the operation. "The shipment was being guarded for a later transport to Central America, with the United States as a final destination, camouflaged in legal shipments of banana and fruits," the defense ministry said in a statement. SOURCE: 22 September 2017, Reuters

(U) Denmark – Authorities Arrest Man for Allegedly Sending Drone, Cameras to ISIS

(U) Copenhagen – A Copenhagen court arrested a man for 25 days under Denmark's anti-terror laws for allegedly shipping drones, components for unmanned aerial vehicles, and infrared cameras that were bound for ISIS in Syria and Iraq. Police say the 28-year-old man was held on "strong suspicion" of taking part in terrorist activities abroad by purchasing and shipping the equipment via Turkey. SOURCE: 23 September 2017, Associated Press

(U) United Kingdom – Accounting Firm Hit by Cyber Attack

(U) London – One of the world's "big four" accountancy firms has been targeted by a sophisticated hack that compromised the confidential emails and plans of some of its blue-chip clients. Deloitte, which is registered in London and has its global headquarters in New York, was the victim of a cyber attack that went unnoticed for months. Deloitte provides auditing, tax consultancy and high-end cyber security advice to some of the world's biggest banks, multinational companies, media enterprises, pharmaceutical firms and government agencies.

SOURCE: 25 September 2017, The Guardian

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